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of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SANITARY INSPECTORS

For the Year ended 31st December,

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1939.

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Hessle.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Haltemprice.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1939, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the Ministry of Health Circulars 1961 and 2067 (England).

The Ministry suggests that during war time these Reports might be materially shortened, omitting items which are repititions, but including a record of important alterations, improvements and developments.

1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a)	Area in acres	9,026
(b)	Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1939	30,470
(c)	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to the Rate Book (estimated).	9,775
(d)	Rateable value (end of 1938)....	£186,337
(e)	Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	£733

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births numbered 573, being the largest number recorded in Haltemprice.

	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	308	244
Illegitimate	4	17

This gives an Annual Birth Rate of 19 compared with 15.8 for 1938, and 15.0 for the whole of England and Wales for 1939.

Still Births numbered 16—nine being males and seven females—all being legitimate.

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births being 27.1.

Deaths numbered 335 (previous year 268)—168 being males and 167 females—giving an Annual Death Rate of 11.2 for the year, compared with 9.4 for the year 1938 and 12.1 for the whole of England and Wales for 1939. The corrected Death Rate is 10.08.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	0
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 year .... seventeen being males and eight females (one illegitimate)—giving an *Infant Mortality Rate* of 29.6, compared with 49 for the year 1938 and 50 for England and Wales for 1939.	25
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births 43.7	
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births 40	
Deaths from Cancer .... being 23 males and 31 females.	54
Deaths from Measles	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1

3.—CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Under the Council's Conversion Scheme, 31 houses were converted, and this number would have been much exceeded but for War conditions.

4.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1939.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	23	15	0
Diphtheria	46	40	2
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	8	0	11
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0

5.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	1	1	1	...	3	1
5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
15	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
25	...	3	...	1	1	3	1	...
35	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
45	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Totals ...	8	6	4	3	6	4	4	3

6.—GENERAL REMARKS.

In my report for 1937, I said "The Council have plenty of work ahead of them—the completion of their Slum Clearance Scheme, the advancement of their Main Drainage Scheme, the improvement of the Public Cleansing Services and the completion of their Playing Fields and Parks Scheme."

Underneath the above headings matters are much as they were then, although some advance has been made in the Public Cleansing Services—motor transport and direct labour having been introduced for part of the district, and it is proposed to extend this method of refuse collection to the whole of the district at an early date.

The fact that we have been classed as a neutral area, and that we neither give nor receive evacuees, has helped to keep our population almost at normal level, and in spite of prevailing conditions the general health of the public has been well maintained.

The facts worth noting in my Report are :—

(1). The large number of births and the very high birth rate.

(2). The lower infant mortality rate.

(3). The small number of new cases of Tuberculosis—21 as against 34 for 1938.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.

SANITARY INSPECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Haltemprice.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to present to you our Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1939.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 267 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	127
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	10
„ privy pails or middens	2
„ roofs	9
Accumulations of refuse or manure	5
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.	28
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	6
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	12
„ house floors	6
Dampness in walls	9
Defective windows and other woodwork	4
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	3
„ sink and bath waste pipes	1
„ wall and ceiling plaster	7
Offensive smells	3
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	3
Defective Pumps	1
Foul cesspools	1
„ ditches	5
Miscellaneous	2
	244

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	588
„ „ houses and premises re-inspected ...	644
„ „ miscellaneous visits	906
„ „ visits to works in progress	827
„ „ visits to slaughter-houses	366
„ „ „ „ dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	68
„ „ „ „ bakehouses	24
„ „ „ „ schools	4
„ „ „ „ workshops and factories ...	92
„ „ „ *re* cases of infectious disease ...	81
„ „ „ „ disinfect after cases of infectious disease and others... ...	17
„ „ „ „ shops, etc., *re* Food Inspection	315
„ „ „ „ Housing Act, 1936	131
„ „ „ to verminous premises	2
	4,065

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	261
Statutory Notice under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936	54
Statutory Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936	NIL.
	315

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc.....	181
New provided	7
Relaid	3
New gullies fixed....	10
New vent shafts fixed	5
Cesspools abolished	—

Water Closets.

New pans fixed....	—
New W.C.'s installed	1
Cisterns repaired	11
New cisterns fixed	—
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	5
Privies converted to W.C.'s	31
Soil pipes repaired	—
New soil pipes fixed	—

Sinks and Baths.

New provided	—
New waste pipes provided	11
Waste pipes repaired	10

R.W. Pipes.

Repaired	7
Renewed	13

Water Supply.

Wells closed	—
Pumps repaired	1
Water supplies laid on	4
Service pipes repaired	11
Pumps abolished	2

Yard, Paving, etc.

Yards paved	22
Paving repaired	10
Yards cleansed	2

Dust Receptacles.

Provided	61
New privy pails provided	2

Dampness.

Roofs repaired	26
Eaves gutters provided	12
Eaves gutters repaired	10
Walls rendered or pointed	16
Ventilation provided under floors	3

General Repairs, etc.

Walls repaired	18
Windows repaired	78
House floors repaired or renewed	29
Ranges repaired	29
Ceilings repaired	11
Animals removed	11
Accumulations removed	11
Rooms ventilated	14
Wall Plaster repaired	11
Additional Windows provided	—
Doors repaired or renewed	65
Obstructive buildings removed....	—
Premises closed	—
Rooms cleansed	13
Cellars filled in	—
Miscellaneous	3

SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The neccessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small " general " type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

		No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	272	462
(2)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	54	116

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 36

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 111

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 77

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :

(a) By owners .... —

carried forward from 1936 17

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.... .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :

(a) By owners .... —

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .... —

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Overcrowding.

A.	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	5
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein ...	5
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	31
B.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
C.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	34½
D.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—
E.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	88
Number of Cowkeepers	60
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	68

Bovines	335
Sheep	932
Pigs	833
	2,100

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle including Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	335	932	833
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcases condemned	2	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	3	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	12.20%	.04%	1.32%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcases condemned	2	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	15	—	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5.07%	—	1.2%

In addition to the foregoing, the following shews the quantity of other foods also inspected and the amount found to be unsound and unfit for food :—

	Inspected.	Condemned.
Poultry and Game	120 Birds.	1
Made up Meats....	400 lbs	138 lbs.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There is no public slaughter-house in the District, and slaughtering is carried out at 19 private slaughter-houses in the District.

These slaughter-houses are classified under the headings of :—

(*a*) Registered
(*b*) Licensed

Registered	4
Licensed	15
	19

The occupiers of the slaughter-houses give written notice of regular slaughtering days and hours as required under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. Routine meat inspection is carried out. Special notice of intention to slaughter on days other than regular slaughter days is forwarded to the Health Departments.

The slaughter-houses, lairs and yards have been found to be sanitary and clean at all times. Periodical lime washing of slaughter-houses and lairs is carried out.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	44
Factories (no power)	30
Workplaces	—
	74

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The scavenging of the district has been carried out satisfactorily, and few complaints were received during the year, but despite this the service requires overhauling, and the Council are at the moment considering schemes for the improvement of the methods of collection and disposal.

The collection of house refuse and nightsoil in the Cottingham Ward is carried out by Contract, whilst the remainder of the area is done by direct labour using mechanical transport for the Central Ward and horse-drawn vehicles for Hessle.

All house refuse in the 3 Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

Cottingham Ward	—	Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.
Central	,,	Controlled tipping at the Riplingham Cross Roads tip.
Hessle	,,	Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

The Council propose to adopt a scheme for using direct labour scavenging of the Cottingham Ward, this will commence at the expiration of the present contract.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from populated areas and have proved satisfactory.

With regard to the nightsoil collected, this is disposed of to the market gardeners in the district for manuring purposes.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

We are, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

HILARY STEELE,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

FRANK RHODES.
Sanitary Inspector.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1939.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.
All Causes	168	167
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	....	....
2 Measles	....	....
3 Scarlet fever	....	....
4 Whooping cough	....	....
5 Diphtheria	2	....
6 Influenza	6	5
7 Encephalitis lethargica	....	....
8 Cerebro-spinal fever	....	....
9 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	6	4
10 Other tuberculosis	4	3
11 Syphilis	....	....
12 Gen. paralysis of insane, tabes, etc.	....	1
13 Cancer....	23	31
14 Diabetes	3	4
15 Cerebral hæmorrhage	9	9
16 Heart disease....	44	44
17 Aneurysm	....	1
18 Other circulatory	17	15
19 Bronchitis	....	1
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	7	4
21 Other respiratory diseases	1	3
22 Peptic ulcer	3	1
23 Diarrhœa, (under 2 years)	1	....
24 Appendicitis	....	....
25 Cirrhosis of liver	2	....
26 Other liver diseases	2	1
27 Other digestive diseases	3	3
28 Acute and chronic Nephritis	2	8
29 Puerperal sepsis	....	....
30 Other puerperal	....	1
31 Congenital debility, prem. birth, &c.	13	5
32 Senility	2	2
33 Suicide	3	2
34 Other violence	4	6
35 Other defined causes....	11	13
36 Ill-defined causes	....	....
37 Diarrhœa, 2 years. and over	....	....
Special Causes (included in No. 35)		
Small-pox	....	....
Poliomyelitis	....	....
Polioencephalitis	....	....
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	17	8
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Legitimate	17	7
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	....	1
Live Births .... — Total	312	261
Live Births .... — Legitimate	308	244
Live Births .... — Illegitimate	4	17
Still-Births .... — Total	9	7
Still-Births .... — Legitimate	9	7
Still-Births .... — Illegitimate	....	....
Resident Population	30,470	
Comparability Factor	0.90	